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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 3441

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S FEELINGS ON RELATIONS WITH HONDURAS

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1. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAYING FAREWELL TO THE DEPARTING CHARGE, AND BEING INTRODUCED TO HIS SUCCESSOR ON JULY 27, BOROONOVO PRESENTED HIS LATEST PERCEPTIONS OF THE STATE OF THE HONDURAN-SALVADORAN SITUATION. HIS WORDS GIVE SOME INDICATION OF HOW HE FEEL AS HE PREPARES TO GO TO GUATEMALA FOR THE JULY 29 MEETING WITH HIS HONDURAN COUNTERPART, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE OTHER THREE CA FONMINS.

2. BORGONOVO DESCRIBED WHAT THE GOES HOPES TO GET OUT OF THE TALKS BY REPEATING HIS REQUEST TO THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 19, I.E., FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1970 SAN JOSE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF THIRD COUNTRY OBSERVERS (INCLUDING U.S.) BETWEEN THE TWO MILITARY FORCES. HE ALSO REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN AND PERPLEXITY OVER GOH INTENTIONS IN THE LATEST OUTBREAKS (PARAS. 3, 4 OF REFTEL). BORGONOVO SAID HE BELIEVES THE RECENT INCI-
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DENTS INDICATE THE GOH MIGHT BE ATTEMPTING TO CONSOLIDATE

ITS DE FACTO CONTROL OVER AS MUCH OF THE DISPUTED TERRITORY
AS POSSIBLE SO THAT IT MIGHT THEN PRESENT OCCUPATION AS A FAIT
ACCOMPLI TO THE GOES WHEN NEGOTIATIONS RESUME. HE REPEATED HIS
WORRY OVER THE DECISION MAKING ABILITIES OF THE MILITARY
COUNCIL SYSTEM IN HONDURAS, AND THE FACT THAT MANY OF ITS MEMBERS
WERE FRONT LINE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 1969 WAR.

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